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THE GOSPEL OF JOY.

Neh.8:10 "The joy of the Lord is your strangth".

INTRO. Last Sunday-the Gospel for Low Tide.
Abalones!

The theme and text for to-day.

The context, or setting of thetext.

I wish to introduce our consideration of the text with an illustration which in its application becomes a parable.

An owner of a garden noticed in it a very sickly looking plant. It dropped and paled until it suggested anything but brightness and health and vigor. The man called in an expert gardner to determine what was the matter with the plant. After looking at it, the garnder said,"That plant needs three things-better soil, cleaner air and more light." That gardner said more than he realized. He said that the plant needed better soil, that is, new earth: the plant needed more light, that is, a new heaven: the plant needed cleaner air, that is, a new climate. A new earth, a new heaven and a new climate would restore the plant from a sickly drooping state to a bright and vigorous health.

I. There are multitudes of people who are sick and dropping and sad. They are melancholic and even bitter, nothing about them suggesting radiance and victory.

How can they be transformed? By adjusting ~~extablishing for~~ them to new conditions. They require a new soil, more light and purer air: that is to say, they need a new earth, a new heaven and a new climate. And this can be given them by means of the Christian religion. In Jesus Christ we are heirs to new things. He gives us a new heaven and a new earth, and changes the very climate of our living.

1. It is possible for a person to obtain a new rootage, to plant himself into a new soil. It is possible for a person who has been in evil and impoverished conditions for the greater part of his lifetime to be lifted out of his impoverishment by obtaining a new and fruitful foundation for living. Paul expresses it thus;"rooted in Him". The Gospel of Christ lifts us out of our infertile conditions and plants us amid the mighty energies and forces of God. "He shall be like a tree planted by rivers of water."

   The example of Scotty.

2. It is possible for a person to obtain a new sky. We can, if we will, get away from ~~our~~ the dens and dungeons of our own making. If we will, we can bask in the fulness of fellowship with our Heavenly Father. "Ye were once in darkness, but now ye are light in the Lord". It is strange how men love darkness rather than the light. If we will, we can have a canopy that is brimming with soft and genial radiance.

   Sun-kist oranges. Sun-cured bodies. Why not sun-cured souls as well?

   We ~~have~~ clothed our bodies until nakedness was regarded as a shame. Bustles, corsets, red-flannel shirts, etc. Thank God we are growing more sensible regarding dress.

   We likewise clothed our souls with creeds, superstitions and what-not until the man who bared his soul to God was regarded as a heretic. Adam stood naked before God. Enoch walked with God. Jesus bathed in the direct sunshine of God's love and goodness. Why cant we do the same? And wouldn't we be infinitely better off if we did?

3. It is possible for a person to obtain a new climate.

Plants are choked by the foulness which infests the atmosphere. Chemical elements in the air blast vegetation and injure lungs. The little weasoned-up German lady of the mountains-Mrs.Rief.

It is even so with the life of the spirit. The ill-contagion of the world, the foul breath of evil invades our spirits, robs us of vitalit and simks us into melancholy and distress. We need purer air for our spiritual beings.

Is it not significant that the Holy Spirit of God is described as ~~descriptive of~~ breath, wind, atmosphere? In the fellowship of the Spirit ~~of God~~ we breathe a new air ~~climate,~~ the wind from the hills of God. Let a person become rooted in Christ, move about under the favor of the Heavenly Father's light and face the wind of the Spirit divine and he has come into that inheritance which we call salvation. And in such a salvation we experience joy unbounded, spontanious and inevitable. We literally experience the joy of the Lord. "With joy n shall ye draw water out of the well of salvatio

II. What is the character of this joy? The joy of Jesus centered in two things- sublimities and simplicities.

1. Our Lord was always in communion with the highest. This is indicated by his withdrawals from the crowd, his quiet seasons spent upon the mountain side, his retirements into lonely places for seasons of joyful intercourse with His Father. The glory of true Xns is their delight in fellowship with God.

2. But X's joy was also among thesimplicities. What joy the Master found in lowly things? In home life, amid friends congenial. In nature-
life

life, amid flowers and fields and streams and lakes. In service-life, ministering to the poor and needy. Our joy, if like the Master's, will shine and flame in spheres of common life.

One of Hayden's friends asked how it happened that his church music was almost always of an animating, cheerful and even festive quality. The great composer replied, "I cannot make it otherwise. I write according to the thots I feel. When I think upon God, my heartis so full of joy that notes dance and leap, as it were, from my pen, and since Gd has given me a cheerful heart, it will be easily forgiven me that I serve him with a cheerful ~~spiri~~ spirit."

The Jr. choir at the end of the prayer-

"Father, we thamk Thee,
Thank Thee for music;
Music makes us joyful
And brings us closer to Thee."

Yes, Christ's Gospel of Joy makes us sing a new song, a song of joy. In tune with the Infinite, in accord with the best interests of humanity, rooted in a new earth, living in a new heaven and breathing the divine spirit why should'nt Xns sing anthems of joy?

Last nite I listened to the symphony played in the Hollywood Rose Bowl under ths stars.

Text – Neh. 8:10 The joy of the Lord shall be your strength.

Intro:- ~~Context~~

An illustration to intro. the consideration of the text –

the drooping plant – the gardener's care – better soil, purer air, more light.

A parable – better soil, – a new earth
more light – a new heaven
purer air – a new climate

Many people are like the plant – sick & drooping – they become melancholic & sour & ~~sad~~ bitter – ~~they require~~ How can they be transformed? they too, need a better soil, more light & purer atmosphere – can they get it? & where.

In Christ we become heirs of life – ~~thru Him~~ we He gives us a New Earth a New Heaven & a new climate

I. Impossible for a person to plant himself in a new soil, to obtain a new rootage
"Rooted in Him": Scotty

II Impossible for a person to obtain a new sky from our own murky & smothering slums & dungeons
We come back in the fulness of fellowship with our Heavenly Father.
"Ye were once in darkness, but now ye are light in the Lord"
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Kiln Brick
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Mus. Kiev

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– simplicity in home life

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Yes, X's gospel makes us sing a new song, a song of great joy.

Hollywood Bowl symphonies – over radio